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CRAFTSMANSHIP ATTESTING THE GENIUS OF THE MASTER DESIGNER AND BUILDER, AGAIN DISTINGUISHES THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HACKER SPORTCRAFT AS PACE MAKERS IN THE REALM OF BETTER BOATS. WITH A RECORD OF SUCCESS UNPARALLELED IN THE MOTOR BOAT INDUSTRY, HACKER SPORTCRAFT NOW JUSTIFY AN EVEN GREATER DEGREE OF PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP. BUILT TO A REPUTATION FOR EXACTING STANDARDS OF DETAIL WHICH HAVE ALWAYS TYPIFIED HACKER BOATS, THE NEW MODELS ILLUSTRATED AND DESCRIBED IN THIS CATALOG, STAND UNQUESTIONABLY AS THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN HACKERCRAFT HISTORY.



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Model 30

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The Hacker Sportcraft Family



1911 **KITTY HAWK** First 50 mile hydroplane in America



1912 **OREGON KID** First modern hydroplane in America



1920 **SURE CURE** First hydroplane to make over 65 miles per hour



1921 **ADIEU** Twin boats won Fisher NICK NACK Trophy 1922-23-24



1923 "999" Edsel Ford's—First 60 mile runabout in America



1927 **MISS CALIFORNIA** made world record for "151" class

It is a matter of record that during the past thirty-five years John L. Hacker has contributed more outstanding improvements in the development of fast pleasure craft than perhaps the whole industry at large.

Practicing in all branches of naval architecture, Mr. Hacker was among the first to recognize the possibilities of V-Bottom construction, having built a boat of this type as far back as 1893.

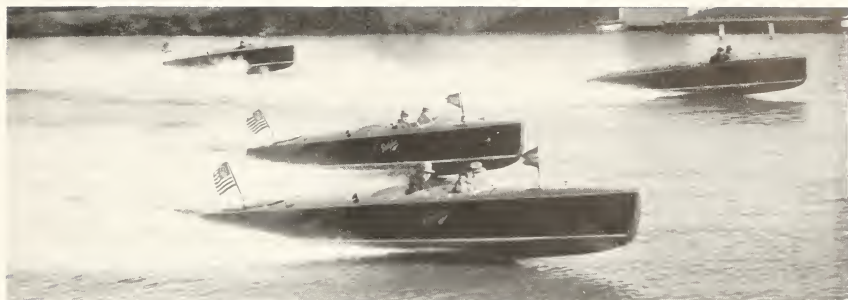
In 1904 he created the *Au Revoir*, the fastest boat of its time. Each succeeding season he has incorporated improvements and refinements in design, resulting in greatly increased boat speeds, without having recourse to the use of excessive power. It is a tribute to Mr. Hacker's craftsmanship to be able to obtain speed through finesse in design rather than through the medium of brute force in power equipment. As far back as 1911, he won international fame through the creation of *Kitty Hawk*, the first 50 mile hydroplane. There followed immediately the *Hawk Eye*, the first 60 mile boat.

When a symposium of naval architects agreed that it would be impossible to produce a displacement runabout capable of a 40 mile speed, Mr. Hacker introduced *Hoosier V*, that attained a speed previously thought impossible. In 1913, Mr. Hacker's *Oregon Kid* proved another milestone in the development of fast water craft, and is today recognized as the forerunner of all modern hydroplanes, all of which have been largely patterned after this original model. This boat alone demonstrates the efficiency of Hacker design in obtaining high speeds with comparatively limited horsepower.

The first 60 mile displacement runabout produced was also a Hacker creation, Edsel Ford's 999. Mr. Ford personally having timed this boat at the rate of 61.2 miles per hour.

JOHN L. HACKER:

Dean of American designers of speed boats, is justly famous as the creator of prize winning craft. With a record of thirty-five years of successful accomplishment he enjoys the proud distinction of having designed and built more outstanding successes in speedcraft than have been produced by any other builder of boats. His experience embraces fast cruisers and pleasure boats of every type as well as commercial craft. His efforts are now concentrated on the Sportcraft which bear his name and which so remarkably sustain his record of achievement.



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THE RAPIDLY INCREASING popularity of motorboating as a healthful recreation, thrilling sport, and fast commuting transportation has naturally resulted in the appearance of a large number of boats to meet the demand, these in almost unlimited variety of types, sizes, equipment, and general construction.

As common in every industry, the manufacturer has in each instance sensed a certain demand and shaped his appeal accordingly. Price, ever an important factor, has too often exerted an influence which has not always promoted the best interests of motorboating as a sport, through the tendency to make a product fit a price rather than the service for which it is to be used.

There is no safer or more pleasurable means of transportation extant than the modern motorboat, properly designed, honestly constructed, and adequately powered and fitted.

The ambition, fundamental purpose and policy that guides the destinies of the Hacker Boat Company is to continue the tradition, now more than thirty-five years old, of building the finest boats humanly possible to produce. Never will there be the slightest concession or sacrifice in the product to meet a price. Even so, a close analysis reveals that Hacker prices are eminently fair and reasonable, and represent more than comparable value with the best offerings of the industry. This has been brought about by manufacturing methods, supported by factory facilities, equipment, and economical distribution plans.

Hacker Success Won By Merit

Public recognition and acceptance of the Hacker Craft idea has been gratifying. Surmounting all barriers of price appeal, forced production and merchandising competition, the Hacker Boat Company has maintained a position of eminence in the industry, and has actually ranked second in point of number of boats built regardless of price, and first in its price class. This success can be attributed solely to merit of the product.

In your appraisal of motorboat values, there should be a thoughtful and balanced consideration of the controlling elements, among which are design, craftsmanship, material and equipment. These determine the measure of value received, the satisfaction and enjoyment and the soundness of your investment.



Model 24

Hacker Baby Dolphin 24-Footer Speed 35 Miles

THIS is one of the smartest boats we have ever produced. It is designed primarily for the owner desiring a comparatively small hull adhering to the best standards of the largest and costliest boats. In other words, The Baby Dolphin is a really fine boat in a smaller edition.

While but 24 ft. in length, it outperforms most 26 ft. and 28 ft. boats in riding qualities, roominess, and seaworthiness. The 125 H. P. Gray Straight Eight Marine motor delivers an honest 35 miles an hour.

In no other boat is the result of John Hacker's fine design more strikingly exemplified. It is a beautifully balanced ensemble of hull and power plant, a perfect



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Design

IN NO FIELD of endeavor does design play so important a part as in the creation of a boat, and in no industry is unchallenged leadership in this realm so freely conceded and bestowed. A review of the motorboating magazines shows constant and increasing credit to one outstanding naval architect. It would be difficult indeed to find a single boating community even in the remotest recesses of the world where either boat owners or boat builders did not proudly credit the design of their boat to John L. Hacker, naval architect.

The navigable waters of the world are therefore the proving ground for Hacker boats. From this rich experience are utilized the best and outstanding features, all of which are co-ordinated in Hacker-Craft.

A good boat can not be developed through the process of hit and miss methods or even blind copy. Slow, thoughtful, and constant refinement and research are necessary. No boat built enjoys the background of noteworthy achievement that is back of every Hacker boat. This ripe experience, combined with an unhampered desire to excel, explains why the industry is quick to concede to Hacker-Craft superiority in speed, beauty, riding comfort, appearance, maneuvering qualities, dryness, and safety.



Model 24

The Baby Dolphin (Continued)

balance of weight, a wonderful driving angle for the propeller shaft that produces almost a level planing position at all speeds.

Its maneuvering qualities and responsiveness are amazing. Up instantly with the application of power, it rides upon and over the water at an amazing rate and banks to port or starboard without burying the bow a fraction of an inch.

Both forward and rear cockpits are absolutely dry under all driving conditions, even when the boat is turning practically within its own length. Excellence in finish and details, beautiful in appointments, rich in upholstery, The Baby Dolphin is a craft that will engender a sense of pride in the most critical.



Every Hackercraft model is available with the custom built sedan top which instantly impresses you with its detailed completeness.



Hand - Built Boats of QUALITY

Craftsmanship

ALTHOUGH Hacker plant equipment includes the finest and most modern machinery known to the woodworking industry, in order to fabricate a hull with the niceties of design, contour, and line characteristic of Hacker Sportcraft, there are innumerable operations that can only be done through hand work and then only by the most skilled artisans.

The boat builders' art is an old one, and in order to qualify, a workman must practice it diligently for years. So called forced production methods could not in whole duplicate a Hacker boat, and for this reason, you obtain the advantages of skilled hand work. The result is a boat beautifully finished, and substantially and accurately made. Every attribute of the finest built custom boat is discernible in each and every Hacker model.

Riding Comfort

Hacker runabouts have no equal in easy riding qualities. They glide softly and swiftly upon and over the surface at an easy, efficient riding angle, and are absolutely free from objectionable pound. Comfort is further enhanced through deep, nicely designed cushions over Marshall springs.



Model 26



Hacker Dolphin Jr.

26-Footer

IN the standardized runabout field, the 26-footer clearly predominates in numbers and popularity. It is the great intermediate or average size and since a large number of builders have produced this type, it offers an excellent means of comparison in design and structural qualities. Hacker supremacy is readily apparent on even the most casual comparison, but more especially in point of actual running performance. It is not only the fastest 26-footer of its power produced, but will out-maneuver all rivals in seaworthiness, ease of riding, quietness, smoothness, and responsiveness.

In this boat you will find real beauty of design and finish, harmonized by good taste and excellence in fittings. We welcome the wide field of competition offered

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Value

HACKER BOATS are manufactured in one of the largest, most modern and best equipped factories in the industry. Every convenience and every labor-saving device known to the trade is available. Further than this, Hacker production, as previously pointed out, is well up among the leaders. The so-called argument of mass production can not produce the equal of Hacker boats in material or fine workmanship at any saving in cost. When you purchase a cheaper boat than Hacker-Craft, you are merely buying less boat value.

Unfortunately, the limitations of printers' ink and illustrations make it impossible to fully demonstrate the marked superiority of Hacker boats. A personal inspection is absolutely necessary and advisable, but even this does not begin to reveal the fine performance of Hacker boats.



Note the riding angle which is the secret of Hacker riding comfort and absence of objectionable pounding. The keel runs on a line almost parallel with the surface of the water, and there is absolute freedom to passengers from flying spray.

Dolphin Junior (Continued)

in this particular size, because comparison more firmly establishes Hacker's undisputed leadership.

In the New York City territory, where three leading producers maintained a common demonstrating station, not once during the entire last season did Hacker performance fail to emerge victorious in the keenest competitive demonstration. Through the process of refinement, this firmly established boat is made even better and faster in the present series.

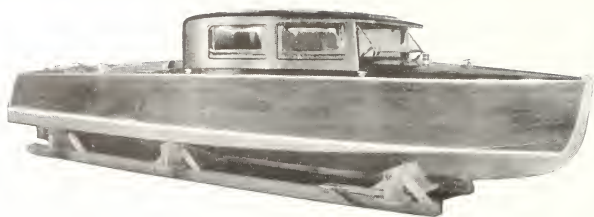


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Performance

TAKE the wheel yourself, try it on the turns, put it through a following sea, a bad chop or any other condition one might expect to meet in service any time, and you will appreciate how perfectly the Hacker boat answers the wheel, how steadily it banks on the turns, its quick acceleration to planing speed, its smooth and comfortable riding qualities, its dryness and freedom from flying spray, its comparably silent operation and absence of vibration, its remarkable deceleration and evenness with which it settles when the power is shut off. Operating in the roughest sea you dare to navigate, it is impossible to make the boat nose under or bury on a turn. In seaworthiness, a Hacker-Craft will simply outlast human endurance in bad weather.

In the accompanying illustrations, note the planing angle. The keel runs in a line almost parallel with the surface of the water. Hacker Sportcraft perform with the maximum of riding comfort, and there is practically no "pound," common in most high speed runabouts. Power for power, size for size, Hacker Sportcraft enjoy unchallenged supremacy in point of speed. As has been proved time and again, they are the fastest and most consistent performing boats in the legitimate runabout class.



MODEL 24 SEDAN

The above illustration shows the Sedan Top on the Baby Dolphin, 24-foot model. Note the adjustable windshield.

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The Sedan

THE SEDAN TOP is available even in the smallest model, the 24-foot BABY DOLPHIN. Entrance is through an easy operating, absolutely waterproof rear hatch. Rear vision is obtained through easy sliding, transparent, close fitting curtains. Finger pressure operates the two sliding transparent windows on either side.

The 26-foot sedan shows similar lines, and offers additional vision through nicely proportioned glass windows on either side of the rear hatch. Rear side windows are sliding glass, front side windows transparent curtains sliding into the roof.

The sedan type is likewise supplied in the 29-footer with side hatches, stationary rear glass windows, sliding rear side glass windows, and with front side windows provided with transparent removable enclosures.



Comfort

THERE is a steadily growing demand for the protection and luxury of Sedan and Limousine Tops on all models of Hacker Sportcraft.

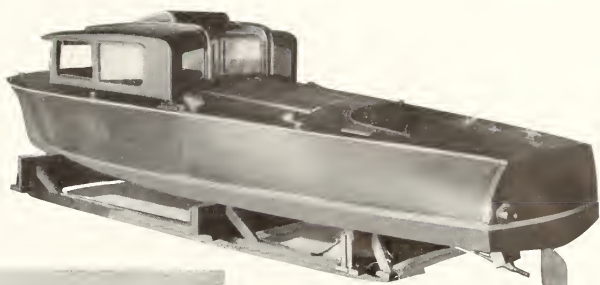
Embodying the comforts and refinements which popularized the closed motor car, Hacker Sedan and Limousine Tops offer instant appeal to those who enjoy the use of their boats in all kinds of weather. Assuredly the enclosed top has the advantage of greatly increasing the utility of your boat and affords greater pleasure in its wider use.



The close up of the Sedan Top shows the details which distinguish it from other models and finishes.

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MODEL 26 SEDAN TOP

Above is shown a rear view of the Sedan Top mounted on Hacker Dolphin Junior—26-footer. Note the sliding hatch which provides entrance from the rear.



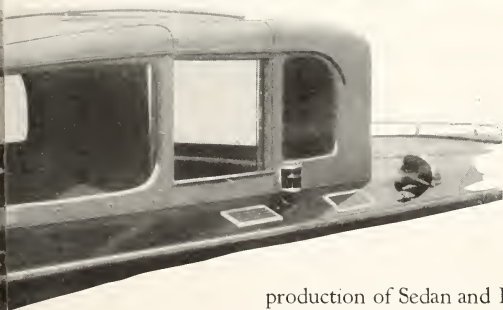
MODEL 29 LIMOUSINE TOP

At the left is shown the Limousine Top on the Dolphin De Luxe, 29-footer. Its beauty of line conforms to the streamline effect of the boat and enhances its luxurious comfort.

The Limousine

THE 29-FOOTER, as illustrated, carries the Hacker limousine body. The additional size permits the use of two side hatches for ready entrance and exit. The limousine type has an all glass enclosure and drop windows readily controlled by high class window regulators, operated in the same manner as the windows in your closed car.

The Limousine Body only is supplied on the 30-foot de luxe model.



of the Sedan
of construction
Hacker quality
design.

Utility

Skill in design and an abiding sense of beauty in appearance are absolute essentials in the production of Sedan and Limousine Tops. Proportion means everything, not only in balance but in scientific stability and durability as well. There is not the slightest suggestion of top-heaviness in a Hacker-built Sedan or Limousine. The lines merge into the beautiful streamline effect of the deck and become a part of the boat itself.

Instant and complete protection from the elements is afforded in both the Sedan and Limousine by easily operated windows, the openings of which may be adjusted as desired.



Hacker Dolphin De Luxe

29-Footer

BEAUTY in conception, fine engineering, and a background of successful and noteworthy performance are all merged in the DOLPHIN DE LUXE. Unusually ample passenger accommodations, a fine

balance of power and hull efficiency provide great speed, coupled with an unusual degree of comfort, safety, easy riding qualities, and genuine seaworthiness. A discerning motorboating public is quick to recognize real merit, and this particular model was first in sales and production in boats above the 26-foot class. The option of a luxuriously appointed, finely balanced and beautifully proportioned limousine body further enhances its field of usefulness and its appeal to a clientele appreciative of the finest.



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Materials

ONE OF THE commonest means of reducing prices in every commodity is through the use of inferior materials and the boat industry is no exception. In creating and maintaining the highest possible standards, the question of material has the strongest possible influence.

Were you to measure the additional value of the better material used in Hacker boats alone, it would more than justify the slightly higher price of Hacker-Sportcraft as compared with some competitors.

There has been more or less confusion among boat owners, due to the loose manner in which the word mahogany has been carelessly used. This situation was recently clarified through a decision of the United States Supreme Court. This affirmed the Federal Trade Commission ruling directing certain importers and dealers to refrain from using the term mahogany, which has been widely applied to the cheaper imitations and substitutes. Any number of woods have been called mahogany without authority.



Here you see the Dolpin De Luxe from all angles and can fully appreciate why this 29-footer has proved so popular among experienced motor boat enthusiasts everywhere.



Ample room is provided in the Dolpin De Luxe for eleven passengers.

Hand-Built Boats of QUALITY *Materials (continued)*

Genuine Honduras mahogany is used in the building of Hacker-Craft, chosen by us, not merely because it costs more, but because its worth warrants the additional price. It has harder texture, closer grain, better lasting qualities, a low degree of moisture absorption, all of which make it ideal for boat construction. Strength and buoyancy and lack of friction are gained. Mahogany runs more uniform in color, and when exposed to time and the elements, actually improves with age in finish and beauty. While it costs twice, and often three times as much as the imitation mahogany so freely used, by all means specify it in your boat as a matter of investment in durability, beauty, and the personal pride and satisfaction of owning something genuine rather than an imitation.

Similarly, every item of material used in Hacker boats is chosen with the desire of obtaining the best. This applies to all boats from the smallest to the largest. In all Hacker boats genuine hand buffed pleated leather upholstery is used rather than the common imitation substitutes so freely utilized.



A Group of Model 30 Custom Sport Models

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Equipment

ALL FITTINGS in Hacker-Sportcraft are durably and substantially made, and represent the best obtainable for each purpose. Furthermore, every boat is fully equipped according to Government regulations and requirements. The price includes a complete boat ready for immediate service with the exception of gas and oil. There is no need to purchase innumerable extras or accessories. Check up all details of this nature. For instance, between \$50.00 and \$60.00 could be saved in the instruments and instrument board alone were Hacker-Craft fitted short of furnishing the best equipment, suitable for universal use in fresh or salt water.

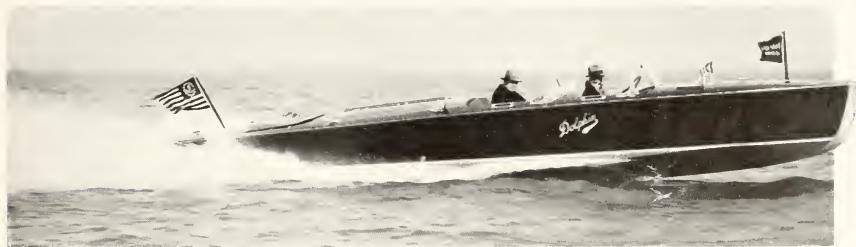
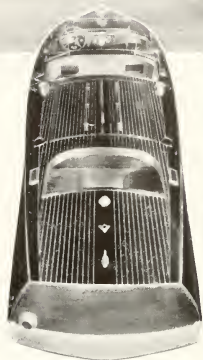


Dolphin 30-Foot Custom Sport Model

SURPASSING ALL previous concepts and standards of excellence regardless of price, is the boat Mr. Hacker terms his Masterpiece. The camera cannot convey the grace, beauty, and detailed excellence of this truly marvelous boat.

Down to the smallest detail, it reveals artistic perfection. Sink into the deep pleated, hand buffed, genuine leather upholstery and you relax into living room comfort. Swift, smooth motion offers a supreme thrill of motorboating entirely free from such discordant elements as pound, vibration, or noisy engine equipment.

Full vision ahead at all riding angles, and quickly responsive to wheel and throttle, the Custom Sport model creates new thrills and a keener appreciation of luxurious water transportation. The beautiful stream line effect of the decks is carried out to the minutest detail, even to the especially designed fender cleat. Underneath it all is a structural foundation of extreme strength, characteristic of Hacker standards of craftsmanship.



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Motors

OBVIOUSLY the power equipment of your boat is of vital importance. We have approached this as all other engineering problems, with a view of obtaining an ideally balanced ensemble in hull and motive equipment. Careful and painstaking investigation and tests were conducted and our choice of standard equipment has resulted, we feel, in the best possible combination of speed, control, serviceability, and intrinsic value.

All motors are sponsored by long established, highly regarded manufacturers maintaining a liberal policy and strategically located service facilities.

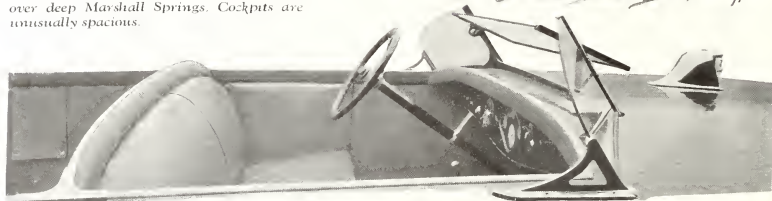
You may rest assured that in relying upon our power recommendations and selection that you are obtaining the benefit of an intimate knowledge of the leading makes, tested and checked through the widest service conditions. A fully equipped engine is installed, including electric starter and it will not be necessary to add any of the so-called motor accessories or extras in order to enjoy the utmost in motor performance.

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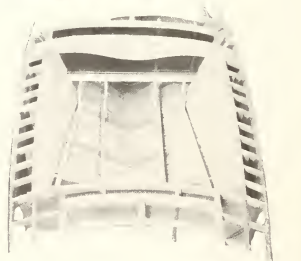
Special Features

Notice the new adjustable ventilating windshield of exclusive Hacker design. There is no frame across the top to may the vision and the windshield is made of Triplex non-shatterable safety glass with sturdy nickel silver frame and supports.

Upholstering in all Hackercraft is genuine leather (instead of the imitation commonly used), over deep Marshall Springs. Cockpits are unusually spacious.



The illustrations above and to the right, taken of a 33 ft. Sport Model in process of construction, readily explain the sturdiness and long life of Hackercraft. The framework is of clear white oak with sturdy main frames spaced 25" apart. Intermediate frames between these and steam bent frames between make the spacing actually 6 1/4 inches. We know of no other builder even remotely approaching these specifications of frame construction. The sides and bottom of this model are copper riveted.



Hackercraft have the shortest exposed shaft ever used on any runabout of their size or power. Every inch saved means a savings of power and a reduction of the underwater resistance that slows down every boat. Notice also how carefully the strut bearing support is streamlined to reduce water disturbance. All this helps to maintain solid water for the propeller blades so they will develop maximum thrust. The strut has a Goodrich Cutless Rubber bearing, water lubricated, the only standardized runabout so equipped; this type bearing supports the shaft solidly with minimum friction and without vibration at any speed; furthermore it is more durable and will outlast any metal bearing, and is unaffected by sand particles found in shallow water or muddy rivers.



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Proof of Hacker Supremacy

CONCEDED TO BE the most consistent performer in racing events for stock runabouts in New England regattas, *Betty*, a 26-foot Hacker stock model, owned by L. D. Pierce of Providence, R. I., has the following list of victories to her credit: July 19, Boston to Portland, race against Pine Tree Limited, a Boston & Maine R. R. crack train, elapsed time, 3 hours, 4 minutes; Train time 2 hours, 40 minutes. July 21—Portland Yacht Club, free-for-all. July 21—Portland Yacht Club race for stock runabouts, 26-28 foot, not over 200 h. p. July 21—Portland Yacht Club, Grand free-for-all. July 21—Portland Yacht Club, Cyrus H. K. Curtis Cup. First leg won by *Betty*, beating all stock boats and hydroplanes. July 28—Hull, Mass., free-for-all. August 4—Chatham, Mass., free-for-all. August 20—New Bedford, race against Pine Tree Limited, a Boston & Maine R. R. crack train, elapsed time, 3 hours, 4 minutes; Train time 2 hours, 40 minutes. August 20—New Bedford, free-for-all for all displacement boats not over 200 h. p. August 20—New Bedford, free-for-all for stock boats not over 28 feet. August 20—New Bedford, stock boats not over 200 h. p. August 20—New Bedford, stock boats and hydroplanes (second place). August 18—Newport, R. I., free-for-all (third place). August 18—Newport, R. I., displacement boats, free-for-all (third place). August 18—Newport, R. I., stock runabouts, free-for-all (second place). August 18—Newport, R. I., stock runabouts not over 200 h. p. (second place).

Speed

IN POINT OF speed Hacker Sportcraft have always been supreme in the legitimate stock runabout field. They have offered a perpetual challenge to all stock boats of the same size and power and have been unfailingly successful in maintaining pronounced leadership.

Although the Hacker Boat Company as manufacturers does not attempt to compete with professional racing crews or against specially constructed racing hulls equipped with special engines, an imposing list of regatta triumphs has been won by Hacker owners everywhere.

Every boat built by Hacker is capable of delivering the speed promised on builder's trials over any authentic, surveyed course. We are always pleased to arrange for any legitimately competitive test which will fairly demonstrate Hacker performance in both speed, ease of handling, seaworthiness and dependability.

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Further information regarding details of Hacker construction, equipment or performance will gladly be supplied upon request by the factory or any authorized Hacker dealer. For prices, specifications and details of equipment see supplement.



